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Subject:	Serial No.	09/998,787	10/31/01
	T. I. BAO ET AL		
	"A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF COPPER HILLOCKS"		
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## RESPONSE PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003  
 please amend the above identified application for patent as  
 follows:

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 25, 2003.

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